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Annual Convention of California State Federation Of Labor Will Meet in San Francisco Next Week

San Francisco welcomes the convention of the California State Federation of Labor, whose delegates will meet at the Civic Auditorium next Monday morning at 10 o'clock for the forty-second annual session. Strange as the fact may seem, this will be the first convention of the Federation held in this city in forty years, the gathering which organized the body having met here, in 1901. And only two conventions have been held in Los Angeles, the first in 1903 and the last in 1910. Although these two centers of population contain the bulk of the membership represented in the central state body, the custom has been to yield to the wishes of the smaller communities desiring to entertain the conventions.

An Outstanding Gathering

The annual gathering of the California Federation is now perhaps the largest of any regularly organized state group in the labor movement of the nation, and even exceeds that of the American Federation of Labor. It is estimated that from 1200 to 1400 delegates will be in attendance at next week's convention, that number of course not including the visitors, hundreds of the delegates always being accompanied by one or more members of their immediate families.

Representation in the convention is based upon the membership of the Federation's affiliated organizations, but with a maximum of six delegates from any one union, though upon any roll call vote and in the election of officers the delegates from each union are permitted to cast the full voting strength of their organization, based upon the average membership upon which it has paid dues into the Federation during the preceding twelve months.

Federation Officials

Officers are elected at each convention for the succeeding year, and consist of the president, secretary-treasurer and nineteen vice-presidents. The latter represent the various districts into which the State is divided, there being fifteen districts. Four vice-presidents are elected for the San Francisco district (No. 10). Los Angeles has two vice-presidents, though their districts also extend into San Bernardino and Riverside counties. Other territory immediately adjoining Los Angeles is represented by three vice-presidents, but each having a separately numbered district. Each of the officers of the Federation is elected by the convention as a whole, and by secret ballot, the nominations being made on Wednesday and the election occurring on Thursday.

Typo Was First President

There have been eighteen occupants of the office of president since the organization of the Federation, Cecil D. Rogers of the Oakland Typographical Union having been the first. The incumbent president is C. J. Haggerty of the Lathers' Union, Los Angeles, who has held the position since 1937. The first secretary was Guy Lathrop of Carpenters' Union No. 483, San Francisco, and the incumbent is Edward D. Vandeleur of the Street Railway Employees, San Francisco, first elected in 1936. Between these two there were five occupants of the office of secretary, and of the latter number Paul Scharrenberg of the Sailors' Union held the position for twenty-five years.

Since 1904, the state body has been represented each year, with only a few exceptions, in the conventions of the American Federation of Labor, its first delegate having been John Davidson of the Ship Joiners, Vallejo.

Over the years the numerical strength of the State Federation has shown a consistent growth, and in the last five years, following the general trend of the labor movement and its being unburdened from former handicaps, the growth has been phenomenal. Last year's report to the convention showed 1029 affiliated organizations, comprising 987 local unions and 42 central labor councils, and representing over a quarter million membership. This latter figure, however, does not represent the actual numerical strength of organized labor in the State, as a number of local unions are not affiliated with the Federation, notable among these as a larger group being the Railroad Brotherhood organizations.

District Membership

The headquarters of the Federation, which are located in San Francisco, handled funds last year in excess of $75,000, one-third of which comes from the San Francisco district. The Los Angeles district (proper) paid some $12,500, with an additional $9500

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Seek to Forestall Job Loss Due to Priorities

What was described as an intensive drive to forestall threatened unemployment due to materials priorities got under way with the announcement that labor supply officers of the Social Security Board will begin immediate surveys in five cities to determine the possibility of transferring to defense production, personnel and plant facilities which will be affected.

Representatives of the Contract Distribution Division and the Priorities Branch of the Labor Division of O.P.M. will accompany the labor supply officers and work with local representatives of labor, management, and state employment services in formulating a plan of action for each community.

Program to Be Expanded

Meadville, Pa., Evansville, Ind., Mansfield, O., Quincy, Ill., and Newton, Iowa, will be the first cities to be surveyed, it was said, and the program will be expanded rapidly to scores of other areas which may be affected. These cities have one or more of the following consumer industries affected by materials priorities: Automobiles, zippers, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, and other household appliances.

In those instances where the plant can be adapted to defense production, the Defense Contract Service will attempt to allocate suitable contracts. Where conversion is not possible, the Bureau of Employment Security and its affiliated state employment services will be responsible for the registration, placement, and, where needed, arrangements for re-training of all workers who lose their jobs because of curtailed operations.

Job Openings Sought

Information will be obtained on the date and extent of lay-offs and the occupations of workers involved. All workers to be laid off will be registered at local state employment offices, and arrangements will be made for voluntary transfer and referral of such workers to openings in defense plants.

Where the workers are not qualified for referral to defense jobs, the state employment service will arrange with the local vocational education authorities for prompt establishment of training courses to prepare these workers for specific defense occupations.

Vigorous Campaign by Labor Qualifies Petition On "Hot Cargo" Measure

Union labor and its friends in California have qualified the "hot cargo" bill, passed by the last session of the Legislature, for a place on the ballot at the general election in November of next year.

Notwithstanding that the final decision to appeal the subject to the voters was not immediately made upon passage of the bill, while other methods of combatting the measure were considered—thus necessitating an intensive drive for signatures within a few weeks—and the further fact that organized enemies of labor used every possible method to hamper circulation and certification of the petitions, still a flattering victory was registered when Secretary of State Peek announced last Thursday that sufficient signatures to the referendum petition had been filed.

Valid Signatures Rank High

More than 250,000 signatures were reported as having been filed throughout the State, with only some 132,000 being necessary to qualify the proposal for the ballot. It was further stated that the percentage of valid names was much higher than is usually the case on referendum petitions. This latter feature indicated the care exercised by the sponsors of the petitions in procuring signatures and the thorough understanding with which union labor sets its mind to any given task, once it becomes aroused to any imminent danger to its hard-won rights. Labor's lasting victories have usually been accomplished "the hard way," and it knows how to take off its coat and roll up its sleeves.

Passage of the bill, which has come to be designated as the "hot cargo" law, brought about one of the most controversial subjects before the last session of the Legislature. It was only after the forces of labor had been deserted on the final votes by some of those legislators whom they had trusted, that victory came to the well organized and well financed employer interests.

Labor Trusts the People

But having complete confidence in the righteousness of its cause, and in the demand for fair play characteristic of the people of the State, labor made its decision to invoke the referendum against the vicious attack on its long recognized rights in California. Union labor again extends appreciation to its friends for the aid given in qualifying the referendum petition for the ballot, the immediate effect of which will be to suspend operation of the law until the voters shall have been given opportunity to pass upon it, and to thwart the purpose of those who had hoped to take covert advantage of the national emergency to accomplish their ever-present designs to hamstring the workers.

OREGON LABOR SHORTAGE EASED

Oregon has just about solved its problem of harvesting $10,000,000 in crops, the Salem Employment Service district manager stated this week. "A few weeks ago we were talking about the need for thousands of pickers, now we're talking only in hundreds," the manager said. Greatest need still was for hop pickers, about 2500 being sought in the Willamette Valley area, the country's largest hop growing region.

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Street Carmen Vote to Accept Wage Proposal

Members of Street and Electric Railway Employees, Division 518, who are employed on the municipally-owned lines in San Francisco, voted last Tuesday to accept the offer made by city officials of pay raises of from 2½ to 7½ cents in their hourly wages. The decision was reached by referendum vote of the membership, the result of which was announced as 468 to 205.

At a meeting of the Division, held on Thursday of last week, at which the proposal was submitted, it was rejected by a vote of 54 to 39. Following this meeting President William McRobbie and other members of the negotiating committee for the Division recommended that the subject matter be referred to a referendum vote, which was done, and with the result as above stated.

The alternative left to the union for securing its original demands would have been to place a charter amendment on the November ballot seeking authorization for a larger increase. Since the Hetch Hetchy power bond proposal is also to appear on the ballot, and with the demand from Secretary of the Interior Ickes that no other controversial charter subjects be voted upon at that time, the Carmen decided to forego their previously announced intention to submit their proposal to the people. President McRobbie stated following announcement of the result: "The carmen voted to accept the compromise because they did not want to interfere with Hetch Hetchy's chance on the ballot."

Due to the fact that the budget for the fiscal year has already been adopted, the increase granted to the carmen will not become effective until July of next year.

DARCY GIVEN PROBATION

Sam Darcy, one-time candidate for Governor of California on the Communist ticket, and who was recently convicted of perjury in connection with registration as to his birthplace, was granted five years' probation by Superior Judge Schonfeld this week. Judge Schonfeld stated that he felt Darcy's incarceration since his conviction on August 6 was jail enough, and that he need not give up his communist affiliation, but urged him to refrain from "any activity inimical to the government or advocating the overthrow of the United States government," also that he was treating the defendant "as an individual, not as a communist."

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STRIKES REACH LOW POINT

The U. S. Department of Labor reports that strikes are at a low ebb, the figures refuting propaganda spread by enemies of organized labor. In July, the Department said, man-day losses due to strikes were 12 per cent below the monthly average for the last five years.

AFFECTS 4000 BUS WORKERS

An interstate bus industry committee, set up under the Fair Labor Standards Act, recommended a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour for employees of interstate bus companies. If the recommendation is approved by the administrator of the Act the wages of 4000 out of 36,000 employees of the companies will be affected. Four employee representatives on the committee joined with four public representatives in making the recommendation. The four employer members voted against it.

State Federation Convention

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from the immediately neighboring districts in that area. The Oakland district ranked next, with over $7700. The membership and financial report of the Federation for the current year will be released with the officers' reports at next week's convention. It is generally understood that an increase of over 50,000 will be shown in the affiliated membership.

The standing and influence of the State Federation of Labor is recognized—needless to say—in all matters and it long has had a prominent part in the shaping of legislation and in promoting generally the welfare of the people as a whole.

Sessions Open to Public

At the annual conventions the policies are determined, and the public is welcome to attend all of the sessions, and listen to the interesting discussions, but are not permitted to be seated with the delegates. As the Civic Auditorium, in which the coming convention will be held, has ample seating capacity, there need be no apprehension regarding accommodations. Following the opening day the sessions usually last from 9:30 a. m. until noon and from 2 to 5 p. m.

An outline of the entertainment program for the delegates and visitors was given in our last week's issue. John A. O'Connell, secretary of the San Francisco Labor Council, is chairman of the arrangements and entertainment committee for the convention.

Headquarters of the Federation executive council during the convention will be at the Clift hotel. On Saturday and Sunday preceding the convention proper there will be meetings of groups representing various crafts, who take advantage of the occasion to assemble for discussion of problems affecting their own interests and those of the industries in which they are employed. Among these group meetings will be those of the Theatrical Federation, Teamsters, Culinary Workers, Electricians, Painters, Carpenters and Barbers.

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Picket Lines Established At Mark Hopkins Hotel

The Mark Hopkins hotel, atop Nob Hill, was added to the list of those being picketed by the culinary unions, last Monday. To date this was one of the largest and most prominent of the places where the workers have been called out since the strike began three weeks ago. The picketed hotels also include the Empire, Keystone, Pickwick, Federal and Edison, bringing the total to six of the twenty-eight hostelries holding membership in the Hotel Employers' Association. Members of the unions' strategy committee still decline to disclose their plans in reference to the other hotels embraced in the Association.

Workers Respond to Strike Call

President William McCabe of the Joint Board of Culinary Workers stated that all of the culinary workers and 75 per cent of the service workers responded to the strike call at the Mark Hopkins. The famous orchestra of Herbie Holmes, which was engaged for a season at the hotel, respected the picket lines of the unions, taxicab drivers carried passengers to the hotel but declined to carry baggage across the picket lines, and other unions whose members were affected directly or indirectly showed equal consideration for the strikers.

Charging that strikebreaking tactics are being used, the Joint Board of Culinary and Bartenders' Unions issued a statement Tuesday in which it was declared that immediately after the strike was called at the Mark Hopkins:

Unions' Statement

"A skeleton crew of strikebreakers, registered in the hotel as 'guests,' appeared and attempted to take over the work of the union members who had left the job. These 'guests' have been on the pay roll for some time in anticipation of the strike," and further that "the Mark Hopkins hotel has been paying these strikebreakers more than the wages demanded by the unions. In the case of non-union maids who have been 'guests' in the hotel, they were paid $5 a day, plus board and room. The union demands for this same job are $4 per day, with no board and room."

"Staffs Enlarged"

A representative of the Hotel Employers' Association, in reply to the union's statement, admitted that some of the hotels "enlarged their staffs during the past two weeks with the threat of a pull-out hanging over them," and the manager of the Mark Hopkins declared that "no maids in this hotel are receiving more than the scale in the contract which expired August 15," and also defied anyone to "prove" that any are receiving free board and room.

Frank Duffy a Local Visitor

Frank Duffy, general secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, whose headquarters are in Indianapolis, was scheduled to be the principal speaker on Wednesday evening of this week at ceremonies observing the sixtieth anniversary of the Brotherhood. Celebration of the event was under auspices of the Bay District Council of Carpenters.

Secretary Duffy is one of the best known figures in the national labor movement. He is en route to the annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, to be held in Seattle next month, and has been making a somewhat leisurely trip to the gathering, during which he is availing himself of the opportunity to visit various cities in the western territory.

UNCLE SAM'S "BIG STICK"

In the U .S. navy at the present time are 15 battleships, six aircraft carriers, 37 cruisers, 168 destroyers and 112 submarines. Building, in these same major categories, are 17 battleships, 12 aircraft carriers, 54 cruisers, 196 destroyers and 74 submarines.

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Labor to Ask Ruling on Insurance Code Provision

The announcement this week by A. Caminetti, Jr., Insurance Commissioner, that all labor unions in the State which pay benefits must immediately form corporations in compliance with the terms of A. B. 1400, whose amendments to the Insurance Code have just gone into effect, has at least cleared away some of the confusion caused by the passage of this bill. Until then, no definite statement had been forthcoming from anyone in authority as to whether it would apply to labor unions or not.

Code Amendments Raise Issue

The question itself was raised only recently when close examination was made of the numerous amendments to the Insurance Code passed at the last session of the Legislature in bills whose confusing and misleading language and callous flouting of constitutional guarantees must have hung up a record in this state.

When the bill was introduced, the State Federation of Labor received positive assurance that labor unions would not come under its provisions. Furthermore, for the last thirty or forty years California law has stated that the payment of sick and death benefits by fraternal organizations, labor unions, and similar bodies does not constitute insurance business and does not have to be burdened with all the technicalities, red tape, reports and the like which apply to those corporations which are actually engaged in insurance business, not to speak of the added expense of incorporation.

Notice from Commissioner

Now that the Insurance Commissioner has notified all labor unions paying benefits that they must take steps at once to incorporate, the State Federation of Labor has instructed its legal department, first, to go into the matter at once with the Attorney General's office, and, second, if the opinion it renders obliges labor unions to incorporate, to institute a test case in the courts so that the question may receive a ruling, if necessary, by the California Supreme Court.

As pointed out in the discussion of this bill in an article in last week's issue of the LABOR CLARION, its provisions are clearly discriminatory and unconstitutional. Any bill is unlawful which exempts by name, as this one does, certain organizations, and at the same time makes similar organizations, such as labor unions, subject to its requirements.

Incorporation Required

True, the Commissioner says that labor unions can apply for exemption under this new law—but only after they incorporate. And even if they do ask for exemption, after they incorporate, they are under new provisions of the Insurance Code which require almost a page of law to enumerate, and the law which formerly protected them from this form of persecution seems to have been ruthlessly shoved aside.

Throughout the state, labor unions are deeply concerned over this situation. Secretary Vandeleur of the California State Federation of Labor, has assured them that the Federation's attorneys will demonstrate the contention that this law does not apply to labor unions, as they are not in the insurance business and the payment of any sick or death benefits is only an incidental advantage bestowed upon members of labor unions, which are organized primarily for the purpose of bettering their economic conditions. The flagrant unconstitutionality of the bill will also be shown. Should these arguments fail to convince the Attorney General's office, the Federation official declared, the courts will be asked to pass upon the validity of A. B. 1400 and its applicability to labor unions.

UNIONIZE ALL MILK COMPANIES

Spokesmen for the Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees' union in Washington, D. C., reported that the dairy industry there was completely unionized after a contract was signed by the Highland Farms Dairy.

PENSION RIGHTS UPHELD

A recent U. S. district court decision in Denver upheld the power of the Railroad Retirement Board to rule when railroad employees are entitled to pension benefits. The decision was in the case of two small railroads which leased their tracks to subsidiaries of the Kennecott Copper Company, after which they claimed the railroad workers were employees of the copper company and not entitled to pension benefits.

Labor Body Wars on Crooks

The Chicago Federation of Labor pledges a redoubling of its campaign to weed out crooks from unions in its territory.

In its official paper, the *Federation News,* under the heading, "Drive the Rascals Out," the Federation declared:

"There is no place in organized labor for the racketeer, the chiseler, the fixer or the terrorist. We ask that Chicago organized labor, with many years of honorable record behind it, rededicate itself to purging its ranks of the leeches who fatten at the expense of the workers."

Local Sailors Support Strike

The Sailors' Union of the Pacific last Monday night went on record on a coastwide basis to back the striking Seafarers' International Union of North America (A.F.L.) "100 per cent" in the latter's demands for increased war bonus payments.

The vote to support the Atlantic and Gulf coast strike, which has already tied up a number of ships in the East, was unanimous, Secretary Harry Lundeberg announced.

At the same time, the sailors' official said, the S.U.P. voted to demand that shipowners meet with sailors' union officials on the West Coast to adjust the bonus scale for ships going into belligerent waters and negotiations in reference to the latter were opened this week.

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World Labor Leaders to Consider Peace Role

World labor leaders will meet at Seattle on October 6 to map plans for giving labor a voice in the peace conferences following the end of the war, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor told the twenty-seventh biennial convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees.

The Seattle meeting will be attended by labor leaders of all nations, including those whose governments are in exile, Green said. The conference, to be held at his invitation, will be on the opening date of the A.F.L. convention at Seattle. The labor leaders will be in this country about September 26 to attend the International Labor Conference in New York City.

Announcing the meeting, Green said labor must have a voice in the peace conferences and that present at Seattle will be "representatives of labor from South America, Great Britain, Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and the nations whose governments are in exile but are determined to carry on the war until victory is won."

Green reiterated the pledge of the A.F.L. for a "full measure of support to Great Britain and her allies." He also denounced the "rival, rebel movement," without mentioning specifically the C.I.O. He congratulated the Amalgamated on its recent victory in the Detroit C.I.O.-A.F.L. fight and predicted that during the year other A.F.L. organizations would be called upon to meet "the test as you have met it this year."

Adolph Attinger Passes

Adolph Attinger, veteran newspaper stereotyper and a charter member of San Francisco Stereotypers' and Electrotypers' Union No. 29, passed away last Monday, following an extended illness. The deceased had been an employee of the *Examiner* stereotyping department. He is survived by four sons and five daughters.

Funeral services were held Wednesday morning at the H. F. Suhr chapel, and inurnment was in Woodlawn Columbarium.

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Protecting Workers' Interests

The September issue of *Labor's Monthly Survey,* issued by the American Federation of Labor, has the following to say, and advice, in reference to changes which are being made from civilian to defense work in plants throughout the nation:

There are two front lines in this war to save democracy: The men who operate fighting machines at the battlefront, on land, air and sea; and the men and women at the factory production front who supply the machines and munitions.

We at the production front are squarely behind this defense effort. We want to do our part effectively. As free citizens in a free country we demand that our Government provide the means to speed the change from civilian to defense work now taking place throughout the nation. We demand that in civilian goods plants being starved by metal priorities, defense contracts shall be awarded before, and not after, an efficient work force has been destroyed by lay-offs. We demand that adequate engineering service be provided for such plants, for this alone can hasten the change, save the work force intact for defense production, and prevent unemployment. We demand that contracts be broken down so that production of defense materials and parts can be carried into hundreds of thousands of plants and that not a machine or a man shall be idle. Give us our chance to produce and we will turn out the goods.

Great waste of precious time and great hardship for workers will result if the Government fails to provide adequate engineering service for the defense changeover.

Union members in consumer goods plants using metals face widespread unemployment unless they act through their unions to prevent it. When production is stopped by priorities on metals, it may take six weeks or more to get defense contracts for a plant unless action is speeded through union efforts. We recommend these steps:

1. Write immediately to President Green stating what materials are short, number of persons unemployed and total number likely to be affected, and whether effort has been made to get defense work.

2. Go to your local employment bureau and ask the director to make a survey of the plant, classifying the workers according to skills and registering them for jobs elsewhere.

3. Urge your employer to go to the nearest procurement office of the army or navy or to the Division of Contract Distribution at the nearest Federal Reserve Bank or branch bank, or to Washington, to secure defense contracts. Have surveys of plant and equipment made by the army and navy. If results are not satisfactory, write to the A.F.L. headquarters.

4. See that all workers laid off are promptly registered with the Employment Service for jobs or unemployment compensation.

5. Where jobs are available and re-training is necessary, re-training should be on the job wherever possible. When re-training is for work on defense contracts in plants in which the workers were formerly employed, there should be no reduction in pay during or after the period of training and seniority and other rights earned by former employment should continue cumulative. Workers have a right to indemnity for losses of jobs or rights due to no fault of their own. Work on defense contracts is one way the Government may protect them.

6. Workers who must re-train for work looking to employment with other than former employers, and whose training is outside of production in or for industry, should be paid the maximum unemployment compensation. In addition, the federal government should arrange to pay them during this training period the difference between unemployment compensation allowed and their former wages.

7. Every effort should be made to find jobs for workers without transferring them to other towns. But if transfer becomes necessary, the workers should not have to pay for transportation and they should be helped to equitable disposal of homes and other property they cannot take with them.

8. Social security rights of workers should not be dissipated or lessened because of transfers or changes due to defense causes.

9. Union membership should be protected in all dislocations and transfers.

10. When displacement due to priority occurs in a single industry town or community, whose purchasing power is to a considerable degree dependent on the plant affected, this problem receives special consideration. Write at once to A.F.L. Headquarters, Washington, D. C.

The foregoing program outlines the steps by which the Government can indemnify citizens for losses so that high morale will expedite our national efforts in defense of democratic institutions.

The Representative Principle

The nation will get national unity and total effort for defense only when all groups feel they are part of the national effort and share the responsibility for achievements.

Free men can grow strong through voluntary sacrifice, but the will to do is weakened by sacrifices imposed by others.

There is one simple method for enabling the masses to share effectively in national undertakings—that of representation. Representation is the basis for confidence and good will. It is the way to spread responsibility for results over the rank and file and arouse the will to carry on.

The American labor movement is made up of workers who are loyal citizens and who value their precious democratic rights. Labor executives have been gravely concerned that in this fateful time national unity of purpose and the will to achieve should be strong and true.

Labor is eager to give service to capacity and again it urges the principle which alone can assure a united and total effort for defense—use of the representative principle in order to give every citizen a share in national defense.

FATE OF FAMED CATHEDRAL

The Strasbourg cathedral, the finest specimen of Gothic architecture in conquered Alsace, is no longer a cathedral. It has been turned into a "museum," according to an escaped Alsatian priest. Hitler bandits have stripped its altars and prohibited religious services. Nazi officials refuse to admit to the cathedral even the bishop and other clergy. The nazis have further decreed that male visitors must keep on their hats, as though they were not in a church.

"Our grand business is not to see what lies dimly in the distance, but to do what lies clearly at hand."—Carlyle.

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Comment on World Events

International Labor News Service

All over Free China today, and to some extent even behind the Japanese lines, are found the familiar signs of a red triangle containing two Chinese characters: "Kung Ho." These signs refer to the Chinese Industrial Co-operatives, or the Indusco, a movement first launched in the fall of 1938 in Hankow under the chief sponsorship of Dr. H. H. Kung, minister of finance.

Objectives of the Chinese Industral Co-operatives are to assist in military and economic resistance to aggression by the production of daily necessities; to help in national reconstruction by the establishment of a sound co-operative basis for small industries scattered throughout China; and to hasten the full realization of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's "Principle of People's Livelihood."

The development of the Indusco can be divided into three stages, namely, the planning stage, the big offensive, and consolidation. By the spring of 1938 Japanese big guns and incendiary bombs had destroyed 80 per cent of Chinese industries, and there were thousands of destitute, homeless people, among whom a large number of skilled workers were compelled to lie idle in refugee camps.

The best way to meet the situation was to found flexible, decentralized, small industries, it was reasoned. Through such an industrial movement, not only could skilled Chinese workers in refugee camps be prevented from working for the Japanese but they could be induced to move into the hinterland of China to become self-supporting and self-respecting citizens and to man the new economic bulwark against the Japanese invasion.

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The most far-reaching significance of the Indusco lies in the belief that such a movement can do much to lay the foundation of a new industrial democracy for China both during and after the war, thus hastening the realization of Dr. Sun's plans for a modern China.

The organizers of the Indusco have established three zones of industry. They are: (1) The rear zone. (2) The middle zone stretching from Kansu in the northwest in a huge arc round the fighting line to Fukien in the southeast. (3) The zone of "guerrilla industry" in the fighting areas, and even behind Japanese lines.

Following the planning stage, the "big offensive" set in, and in the course of less than a year more than 1000 industrial co-operative societies were organized. The outstanding characteristic of this stage of development was speed—speed in rescuing machinery and other tools of production from areas threatened with imminent invasion, and speed in giving refugees, particularly skilled workers, productive employment.

The stage of consolidation calls for the reorganization or combination of many co-operatives. The number of co-operatives in a given locality may be reduced, but the size and quality of the membership as well as their efficiency is improved by consolidation.

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As far as "guerrilla industry" is concerned, the Indusco is at its best in southeast Shansi, where its units operate in a hit-and-run manner close to or behind enemy positions. "Stay as long as possible" is the policy adopted by the industrial co-operatives, which keep their machinery busy even to the accompaniment of gunfire.

Often the members have to move bag and baggage when their plants are threatened by military engagements. Frequently they have to trek across hills with their equipment, raw materials, and personal belongings.

"Never has there been so much false arithmetic employed on any subject as that which has been employed to persuade nations that it is to their interest to go to war."—Thomas Jefferson.

The Tulare County Case

Appeal proceedings have been started by the California State Federation of Labor from a court decision in Visalia invalidating some eight hundred Slave Bill 877 referendum signatures filed with the Tulare County clerk on the grounds that they had not been precincted. The original complaint was filed by the Associated Farmers, but an amended complaint was entered at the opening of the hearings Friday morning of last week by an individual member of the organization, as the Associated Farmers' Corporation had no standing in court to object to the validity of the signatures.

Protests of the State Federation's attorney, Clarence E. Todd, against this unfair move were overruled by the judge, who was called in from another county to hear the case.

Constitutional Provision

The constitutional amendment adopted in 1911, which made full provisions for the filing of referendum petitions, also established that this referendum constitutional amendment is "self-executing" and that the State Legislature shall not pass any law restricting this right. No requirement is stated, expressly or otherwise, as to whether the precinct number shall appear on the petition before its filing with the county clerk or thereafter. In other words, the constitutional provision allows the widest latitude and freedom regarding this particular point.

Backing up this practice have been the decisions of the highest courts in California ever since 1911, which have been very liberal regarding the whole matter of direct legislation petitions in connection with the initiative, the referendum and the recall.

Former Court Rulings

More than once cases have come up before the courts where the precinct numbers did not appear on the petitions when they were filed but where arrangements had been made by their proponents to have the petitions precincted afterwards. In every single case the courts upheld the right of the petitioners to have the petitions precincted after the filing with the clerk.

In this particular case, arrangements had been made with the Tulare county clerk to have the signatures precincted, so that their filing found them conforming with the legal requirements.

Attorney Todd cited all the decisions of the courts, but at the end of his argument the judge ruled against the county clerk and the State Federation of Labor which was supporting her contention, thereby actually disfranchising the hundreds of bona fide Tulare County voters who had signed the petitions.

To Fight for Basic Rights

This victory of the Associated Farmers will be a short-lived one, headquarters of the California State Federation of Labor declared, announcing that the Federation has already instituted proceedings to appeal the decision to the higher state courts. Little doubt exists as to the favorable outcome of this case in consideration of the constitutional rights guaranteed to the voters of this state.

The invalidation of the less than 1000 signatures will have no bearing on the results of the referendum campaign, as a referendum on Slave Bill 877 has already been certified by the Secretary of the State. It is because the Federation anticipated this effort of the Associated Farmers to deprive the legitimate voters of the State of their basic rights that it is going to fight the issue clear through to a successful finish. Besides, more is involved than the fundamental rights of organized labor. The constitutional rights of the people of California are jeopardized by this decision, and the Federation will fight until this dangerous ruling is set aside by a higher court as provided for by the State's constitution.

So far the labor-hating Associated Farmers has taken no further action in other counties, which is explained by the scrupulous care taken by the State Federation of Labor in conforming with all the technicalities in the collecting of petition signatures, knowing in advance that all subterfuges would be used to discredit the campaign and every loophole used to obtain rulings to invalidate the signatures. The Federation will oppose with all of its resources this and all other anti-labor campaigns of the Associated Farmers.

ASSAILS ENEMIES OF WORKERS

Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt recently declared that industrialists who would destroy the hard won rights of labor "have the morals of an oriental satrap or a nazi gauleiter." He opposed tampering with these rights and contended that "collective bargaining is no longer a debatable issue in the United States."

JOLT FOR DRUNKEN DRIVERS

All previous records were broken Monday when twenty-four cases of drunk-driving were tried before Judge Kaufman in San Francisco's traffic court. Fourteen persons received sentences and ten additional cases were continued in the biggest calendar of first offenders yet conducted in the local court. Among those found guilty, eight received $100 fines or 30 days, four received $50 fines or 15 days and one was given a $40 fine or 15 days.

Reject Move on Pay Raise

Meeting at Atlantic City in annual convention, the New Jersey State Building and Construction Trades Council rejected a resolution asking a 25 per cent wage increase.

The proposed resolution demanded a 25 per cent wage increase if the State Legislature did not immediately fix a ceiling on food prices and rents. The legislative committee failed to concur on the resolution and was upheld by the convention. The committee set forth that the federal government was attempting to establish ceilings on prices and wages and the State Legislature probably would not take any steps that would conflict with these efforts.

The committee declared that "the establishment of a ceiling for wages might act as a boomerang should the respective governments fail in their efforts. Therefore, matters of this kind should be left to the individual organizations."

Joseph Keenan, a labor representative of the Office of Production Management, advised building trades workers to go West for employment, or seek jobs in defense industries, in an address before the council.

Britain Wants U. S. Craftsmen

England wants to enlist thousands of American workers to repair vital equipment used by her armed forces. A recruiting drive is soon to be launched by Paul V. McNutt, federal security administrator.

Men skilled as radio and automobile mechanics, electrical wiremen, instrument repairers, metal workers and in other technical occupations are declared to be needed for the civilian technical corps, which is a non-military group. They must be between 18 and 50 years of age.

Those selected will be provided transportation to and from Britain, will be furnished uniforms, board, lodging and medical care, and be paid $24 to $38 a week. Enlistment will be for three years, or the duration of the war, whichever is the shorter.

It is reported that Selective Service headquarters have authorized local draft boards to grant deferments to men joining the above-mentioned group, but the employment services will not accept applications from men urgently needed in key defense jobs in American industries.

Federal and state employment offices throughout the country will interview applicants and refer likely prospects to headquarters of the British civilian technical corps in New York. Applicants must pass an examination and a physical test.

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Propaganda in Mexico

The following article was written from Mexico City by Chester M. Wright, editor of the International Labor News Service, who is on a visit to the nation forming our southern land boundary:

It would be nice to say that all fifth column operations in Mexico have been "liquidated"—but it wouldn't be true.

Two years ago I found here a flourishing and frightening fifth column movement, with a system of levying upon persons of German descent, so that a constant nazi war chest was available. Fear of reprisals against relatives in Germany was created. The money flowed as a result.

Nation's Problems Enormous

Today the Mexican government is intensely anti-axis, and for hemisphere solidarity. Its problems are enormous, but its commitment to back the U. S. defense program is unlimited.

President Manuel Avila Camacho declares that Mexico will take care of all the axis propagandists that show their heads. He has given evidence that he means what he says.

Mexico has the propaganda menace to deal with and also it has a tremendous economic program to deal with, as a result of the war and the U. S. defense program. It faces almost immediate shortages of materials, creating a condition that plays at once into the hands of the nazi propagandists.

One Movement Flourishes

In the face of the Government's war on axis propaganda, one movement flourishes. In Mexico this movement is called "Sinarquismo." It is led by one Senor Abascal. It proclaims religious and educational objectives. It is red hot for Mexican nationalism. It appeals to youth and to labor.

This Sinarchist movement, or Sinarquismo, has made some headway in organized labor. The "C.R.O.M.," of course, has declared war on Sinarquismo.

The Sinarchist movement operates through branches, which it has throughout the republic. It has schools —semi-secret. It drills members, using the nazi march step. The arm bands are nazi-fascist. The songs, it is interesting to note, are the songs of the Spanish Falange.

Nazi-Fascist Movies Shown

Sinarquismo publishes books, pamphlets and other propaganda matter. And it contrives to show nazi-fascist motion pictures. It doesn't miss a trick.

It is an interesting fact that while the C.R.O.M. is waging intensive warfare against Sinarquismo, the Mexican syndicalists, though few in number, also denounce it. No denunciation by the C.T.M. or Lombardo Toledano is yet in evidence publicly.

It is openly charged here that Sinarquismo is a nazi movement, financed by nazi money. It is today's most acute propaganda operation in Mexico. It poses a problem for the Government, and for the effectiveness of hemisphere defense. It does not appear that any U. S. agency is doing anything about it.

August Output of Aircraft

Defense officials were cheered by the announcement from O.P.M. that military aircraft deliveries by United States manufacturers in August reached an all-time high of 1854, an increase of 394 over the preceding month and of 1268 planes over August, 1940. This was welcomed not only because it represented the largest gain yet recorded in aircraft output but because it came in the midst of criticism of the whole defense program's progress.

The August production rate, if continued for twelve months, would mean a total annual output of about 22,250 planes. O.P.M. expects further increases in the coming months, and peak production about August, 1942.

Congressman Welch Points To Issue in Bond Election

Hon. Richard J. Welch, Representative in Congress from the Fifth (San Francisco) district, last week issued the following statement in reference to the city acquisition of the P. G. and E. power distribution system, which proposal will be placed before the voters at the coming November election:

"The United States Supreme Court decided in no uncertain terms that the City of San Francisco was violating Section 6 of the Raker Act by distributing its hydro-electric power through the agency of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, instead of distributing it directly to its people through a municipally-owned system.

Should Disregard Old Question

"In considering the charter amendment to be voted on in November, authorizing the issuance and sale of revenue bonds to purchase the distributing system of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the people of San Francisco should disregard the age-old question of public ownership vs. private ownership of public utilities, and deal with this complicated problem in the light of what it means to the future of San Francisco.

"San Francisco, at the present time, is receiving a net profit of $2,000,000 from the sale of its hydro-electric power through the private corporation. The loss of this revenue, as a result of the decision of the United States Supreme Court, means an inescapable loss, and an increase of 25 cents on each $100 in the city tax rate. This, added to the present rate, would place a burdensome rate of $4.64½ on the hundred on the taxpayers, and would cause irreparable damage to the commercial and industrial future of San Francisco.

Effect of Plea in Washington

"I do not hesitate to state, that were it not for the pleas made in Washington on behalf of the taxpayers of this city, that the injunction confirmed by the decision of the Supreme Court be suspended and ample time be given to present to the people a charter amendment authorizing revenue bonds to provide its own distributing system in conformity with provisions of the Raker Act, our tax rate would be $4.64½, instead of the present rate of $4.39½ on the hundred dollars.

"Mr. E. G. Cahill, manager of utilities, and chief executive of the San Francisco Public Utility Commission, maintains with a city-owned distribution system the income from the city's power would be increased by $3,233,000, making a total income from the system of $5,233,000 which is the equivalent to a reduction in the tax rate of 65 cents on the hundred, or a corresponding reduction in power rates, which is absolutely necessary for the industrial progress of our city.

Voters Must Decide

"On November 4, the voters will have to decide whether to approve or disapprove the charter amendment authorizing revenue bonds to acquire the local electric distributing system of the Pacific Gas and Electric Company. If the proposed amendment is defeated the inevitable result will be a 25-cent boost in the tax rates. If carried, according to Mr. Cahill's figures the tax rate can be reduced 40 cents below the present rate, or a corresponding reduction be made in electric rates.

"It should be remembered that revenue bonds provided for by the charter amendment are not secured by any property tax. The interest and redemption on the bonds will be secured and paid entirely out of revenue received by the city from the profits of the system."

Hospital Workers-Nurses' Dance

Hospital and Institutional Workers' Union and Registered Nurses' Union join in inviting their friends to participate in the joint annual ball which will be given by the organizations tomorrow (Saturday) evening at Scottish Rite Auditorium. Dancing will continue until 2 a. m. and the admission will be 50 cents. Secretary M. Rowan announces for the organizations that arrangements are complete for handling the anticipated large number of guests from both the union and civic life of the city, and gives assurance of an outstanding evening of enjoyment.

Label Gift Shop Opening

The labor movement and its friends were pleased to learn, this week, that a downtown place is being opened which will be able to supply various miscellaneous articles which bear the union label.

Mrs. E. M. Edwards announced that tomorrow (Saturday) morning she will open the "Union Label Gift Shop," in Room 417 of the Grant building, at Market and Seventh streets. Articles to be placed on sale in the beginning will include Christmas cards, leather purses and novelties, cosmetics, men's ties and other articles—each of which bears the union label. An innovation will be union label box stationery which will carry also on the box the label of Printing Specialty and Paper Converters' Union No. 362.

Mrs. Edwards has in the past acted as agent for some of the products above mentioned, but had handled the work in her home. It is gratifying to learn that she now deems the label demand sufficient to thus widen her activity in the sale of these lines. At the convention of the State Federation of Labor, to be held here next week, she anticipates being able to thoroughly acquaint the delegates and visitors with the various articles she is now carrying and thus to extend the sale territory. All visitors will be welcome to make inspection of the stock at the Union Label Gift Shop, the phone number of which will be Market 8955.

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New Agency to Spread Contracts in Defense Plan

Seeking to spread defense work and to prevent defense unemployment President Roosevelt issued an executive order setting up a division on contract distribution within the O.P.M. and naming as its head Floyd B. Odlum, New York financier.

Functions of the new division are to provide for the more effective use of existing plant facilities; to provide for the conversion into defense production of civilian industries affected by priorities and raw material shortages; to alleviate unemployment caused by such priorities and shortages; to arrange local pooling of facilities and equipment; to promote subcontracting and to spread defense contracts among smaller business enterprises in every part of the nation.

Alleviate Unemployment

The President said the O.P.M., through its new division, will be able more effectively to adjust dislocations and alleviate unemployment.

This will be done, the President said, by breaking down large orders of supplies, providing assistance in retraining and re-employment workers discharged because of shutdowns and shortages, by effective distribution and defense contracts and by providing a staff of industrial and production engineers to formulate and execute specific plans for the conversion of non-defense industries.

Though the letting of contracts will remain in the hands of the army and navy, the executive order provides for the assignment of representatives of the army, navy, and maritime commission to the division.

Purchase in Smaller Units

The order also instructed the director of the new division to "formulate and promote specific programs for the purchase of supplies for the army and navy in smaller units but among a greater number of firms and in as many different localities as possible."

The new division is expected to set up branch offices, in accordance with the executive order, to which will be assigned a representative of the labor division of the O.P.M. The labor division representative will co-operate in efforts to secure re-employment of workers discharged because of the defense program.

Teachers' Health Examinations

The Health Service Board has been informed that there is proposed a survey of the school teachers of this city for the purpose of determining the presence or absence of tuberculosis among this selected group, says Dr. A. S. Keenan, medical director.

"A survey of this kind, however praiseworthy, is outside the scope of the Health Service Board," Dr. Keenan declared, and he further stated:

"Let it therefore be distinctly understood, by those who propose to do this work, that we will not assume any liability for these examinations.

"The teachers belong to the Health Service and can receive free medical care when they are sick, but they must not be referred to our professional staff for examination of their chests under this survey."

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT FUND

California employers and wage earners paid $73,808,567 into the State Unemployment Fund last year. Approximately 88 per cent was paid out to unemployed.

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Nab Four in Swindle on Unemployment Insurance

Four men accused of procuring more than $12,000 in State unemployment insurance funds through a dummy corporation pay roll fraud will be prosecuted in Los Angeles Superior Court, on at least eight felony charges each.

Attorney General Earl Warren so ordered last Monday, coupling the order with an announcement that full confessions—documented by evidence seized at their offices and homes—have been obtained from all four men. Grand theft complaints against the four, charging the theft of $12,783, were issued in Los Angeles.

Three of the four, Leonard Sledge, 33-year-old associate dean of Auburn Junior College; Martin Lange, 40, of Berkeley, an executive in the State Department of Employment, and Albert J. Jilk, 23, of Los Angeles, were to be removed from the Alameda County jail to Los Angeles.

Raymond F. Kilian, principal of Templeton Union High School, whom Warren dubbed the "master mind" of the group, was in custody at San Luis Obispo and awaiting transfer to Los Angeles.

The four men assertedly executed the fraud by forming dummy corporations with dummy payrolls, by then "discharging" the non-existent employees and filing applications for unemployment insurance benefits.

Warren emphasized that Lange was the only State Department of Employment attache involved, that no others in the department were even under suspicion, and that department officials had co-operated to the fullest throughout the investigation.

"Jerry" O'Connell to Speak Here

The Civic Rights Council of Northern California, whose headquarters are at 177 Post street (Yukon 0563), makes the following announcement in reference to the meeting which it is sponsoring on Saturday evening of next week:

"'Jerry' O'Connell, former congressman from Montana, will answer Lindbergh's anti-American speech, at the Native Sons' Auditorium, 430 Mason street, on September 27, when he speaks at a mass meeting under the auspices of the Conference for Civil Rights.

"O'Connell's political career began when he was elected to the Montana State Legislature at the age of 21. The son of a militant father, who was a member of the Butte Miners' Union, 'Jerry' has consistently represented the interests of the people throughout his career. In so doing he has made many enemies, among them the 'isolationist,' Senator Burton K. Wheeler. O'Connell believes that Hitler and Hitlerism are a menace to the United States, and advocates co-operation between the American people and all other anti-Hitler forces."

INTERVENE IN MINE STRIKE

The Defense Mediation Board intervened last Monday soon after 37,000 miners struck at "captive" soft coal mines in the East. Chairman William H. Davis announced in Washington the Board was taking "jurisdiction" over the dispute which involves the demand of the United Mine Workers (C.I.O.) that union membership be a condition to employment. He asked a return to work and said the Board would begin hearings on the case Wednesday. The so-called "captive" mines are owned by the steel companies and their entire output goes into steel production.

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CO-OPERATIVE FACTORY CAFETERIA

Five cooperative cafeteries serving more than 2000 union members in the huge Har-Lee Manufacturing Company at Fall River, Mass., are now in operation. The union-cooperative cafeterias were opened last month after the company decided to shut down long established company cafeterias which had previously served the plants. The cafeterias are operated by a committee of the workers under the supervision of the union. All members have an equal voice in this venture and all profits will be divided among the members at the end of the year.

Reject Plea to Import Alien Labor

According to a Washington news dispatch of last Monday, negotiations which may result in the migration of several thousand unemployed workers from California to Southwestern States were disclosed after the United States Immigration Service had rejected a plea for the importation of 36,000 Mexican laborers.

Lure of coast defense industries has created a need for workers in the farming areas of Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, it was pointed out .

San Mateo Fiesta Opens

With well over 3000 varied exhibits and displays, and beautiful Bay Meadows attired in gay and colorful raiment, the San Mateo County fiesta opened its gates yesterday.

Today (Friday), has been set aside as Children's Day, and special events and entertainment are being arranged to whet the pleasure appetites of the youngsters. For this day, only the nominal charge of 10 cents is being made for all students, including those of junior college age. Many school groups and parties have planned to attend in a body, to witness the vast educational projects in flowers, agriculture, domestic science, hobbies and photography.

For the adults there will be dancing Friday and Saturday evenings in the splendid Bay Meadows clubhouse, "Muzzy" Marcellino lending his talented orchestra of music experts for the occasion. The fiesta will run through Sunday.

Branch Offices Opened for Convenience in Registration

Thirteen branch registration offices in San Francisco have been opened, according to Registrar Cameron King.

The Registrar's offices in the city hall will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. daily *until September 25, the final day of registration.* On Saturday the office will close at 5 p. m.

Location of the new branch offices are: White House, Sutter street and Grant avenue; City of Paris, Geary and Stockton streets; Hale Brothers, Fifth and Market streets; The Emporium; Bank of America, 1 Powell street; Examiner building, Third and Market streets; Bank of America, 270 Columbus avenue; Owl Drug Company, Geary and Fillmore streets; San Francisco Bank branches at Seventh avenue and Clement street and at Haight and Belvedere streets; American Trust Company branches at Twentieth and Irving streets and at Sixteenth and Valencia streets, and the Hibernia Bank, Twenty-second and Valencia streets.

The fourth price increase this year lifted milk to 15 cents a quart in the San Diego area last week.

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Union-Made Products to Be Shown at Convention

During the convention of the California State Federation of Labor, which will be held in the Civic Auditorium, beginning next Monday, there will be displayed products of every description bearing the union label, and other products that are union-made but not bearing the label. The exhibits will include clothing, stoves, furnaces, heaters, locks, lamps, batteries, ice boxes, union buttons, and numerous other articles. In all, there will be in the neighborhood of fifty booths.

A treat for the ladies is in store when they visit the booth displaying the only cosmetics bearing the union label. That will be Booth No. 2, which will be occupied by "Yankee Heritage."

Another feature which will make a hit with the delegates is through the courtesy of the Brown and Williamson Tobacco Company. As the delegates register they will be presented with a package of union-made "Raleigh" cigarettes, and the company's latest premium catalogue which also bears the union label of the Allied Printing Trades Council.

The exhibit as a whole will be educational and especially for the delegates and visitors coming from the rural districts, who will be afforded an exceptional opportunity to acquaint themselves with various union-made products. The exhibits will remain open all day, and will continue to the closing of the convention.

All delegates are especially invited to visit the various displays and are asked to give publicity to the products of the fair manufacturers who are working along with organized labor.

Painters' Annual Picnic

The seventh annual picnic of all members of the Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America under the jurisdiction of District Council No. 8, will take place this year in Vallemar Park, Rockaway Beach, Sunday, September 28. Chairman of the picnic is Jennie West, who, with her co-workers from the auxiliary and the painters' locals, is working hard so that labor and the friends of labor may enjoy every hour of the day.

Many amusements have been planned, including dancing after 1 o'clock (following lunch). The public is cordially invited to attend and enjoy the outing.

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Run o' the Hook

By FRED E. HOLDERBY
President of Typographical Union No. 21

Word was received on Monday announcing the death at the Union Printers' Home of Hiram P. Remington. The end came on Sunday, September 14, five months after he left here to become a resident of the Home. Born at Ione, Nev., on October 4, 1866, he was 75 years of age, and had been a member of the International Typographical Union for fifty-five years. He first became affiliated with No. 21 November 11, 1925, and was retired to the pension roll in December of 1929. Services were held on Tuesday at the Union Printers' Home and interment was in Evergreen cemetery, the printers' plot at Colorado Springs.

Services were held on Monday, September 15, at the James H. Reilly chapel for Elmo H. Bate, who passed away Saturday morning after an illness of more than three years. Deceased joined San Francisco Typographical Union in 1928, and had been employed in the commercial branch for ten years previous to his becoming incapacitated because of an infection in his eye. He had undergone an operation about two months ago, when his left eye was removed, and his condition had become worse daily since that time. He was born at Provo, Utah, on June 12, 1899, and was 42 years of age. Mormon services were held at the chapel and the graveside services were conducted by the union.

E. M. Powell drew a traveling card on September 9, after a three weeks' stay in San Francisco. The following day his shattered body was found alongside the Southern Pacific tracks in West Oakland. From the condition of the body it had apparently been struck by more than one train. An uncle of the deceased living in Porterville claimed the remains and took them to the Valley city for interment. Mr. Powell's mother, who resides at Banning, also was in attendance at the funeral services.

Twenty-two members of the Junior Typographical Union and four journeymen members were in attendance on Thursday evening of last week when a visit was made to the Crown-Zellerbach Corporation. Here they were escorted through the entire plant and each process in the manufacture and handling of paper was explained to them minutely. Motion pictures were used in bringing to the gathering the work that must be performed in converting the raw materials into the finished product. The names of all present were requested, that each may be placed on a mailing list, and samples and pamphlets will be sent them. These trips, which have been made from time to time during the past two years, have increased the interest of the apprentices in their organization, and other visits will be scheduled and announced later.

G. I. Adams, of the Marshall-Adams Printing Corporation, is back on the job again, fully recovered from an operation which necessitated his being absent from his work for more than three months.

Announcement was made through the press on September 9 of the nomination by Mayor Rossi of Harold I. Christie for a post on the Board of Education, the same to be subject to the approval of the voters at the November election. Mr. Christie, a member of the Mailers' Union and executive secretary of the Allied Printing Trades Council, ably represented the California Conference of Typographical Unions and the California Allied Printing Trades Conference during the last session of the Legislature.

David S. Felter of the Eureka Press writes us from Portland, Maine, with regard to his extended vacation tour of the greater part of the North American continent, and we quote: "Here I am at the eastern end of my trip through Washington, New York and New England states. Tomorrow I tour the New Hampshire White Mountains and later the Vermont Green Mountains and New York Adirondacks. Then I return via Niagara Falls, Canada, and the northern states to Spokane, down the Columbia river and Redwood highway to San Francisco—the best year-around city of them all."

"Swifts: Stories of the High Records Made on Typesetting Machines," is a compilation of some of the better authenticated typesetting records gathered together by a former member of No. 21, Dean Trickett, now of Tulsa, Okla. It is a pamphlet of forty-eight pages, with full-page halftones of six of the men whose speed gave them more than local reputation. The edition is limited to 135, 100 of which are for sale by the author, 1124 South Rockford street, Tulsa, at 50 cents each.

James McLaughlin of the McDougal Press returned on Monday from a two weeks' vacation spent in and around Reno. He was accompanied by the wife and family.

Mabel E. Todd, proofreader at the *Recorder*, returned over the last week-end from a three weeks' vacation.

J. P. ("Hoot Mon") Lees, *Call-Bulletin* operator, is still absent from his work after two weeks' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Diven of Salt Lake City are visiting with J. B. Lockman, *Recorder* proofreader, and family. Mr. Diven is an operator on the Salt Lake *Tribune*.

It is reported that James A. Bell, who left here July 17, passed away on August 21 at Barstow. Deceased was admitted to the Home from here over a year ago, and when he last left here he seemed in the best of health. Funeral services were conducted in Barstow on Saturday, August 23.

Selig Olcovich, operator at the *Chronicle* chapel for many years, passed away on Tuesday, September 16, as the result of a stroke he had suffered a month ago. Deceased first came to San Francisco in 1906, and with the exception of leaving the jurisdiction for short periods on two occasions had been a continuous resident of the city. Born at Carson City, Nev., on May 8, 1878, he was 63 years of age, and had been a member of the Typorgaphical Union for nearly forty years. Surviving is his wife, Mattie S. Olcovich. Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Sinai Memorial chapel, Geary and Divisadero streets.

The condition of Arthur P. Powell of the *Examiner* chapel became so serious it was necessary for him to be taken to the hospital on Tuesday. He has been ill for some time, and had made application to be entered in the Union Printers' Home. At this writing his application had been approved by the admittance committee and he should be accepted by the Home at any time.

"News" Chapel Notes—By L. L. Heagney

Since joining the colors Harold McDermott, proofreader, has participated in two large-scale army maneuvers, the first here in California, the other up in Washington, whence he returned a few days ago. Printers who think they work hard, Harold tips us off, would change their minds suddenly and evermore if put through a month of this so-called mimic warfare.

An interesting as well as informative youngster, Bob Yunger, of the U. S. S. Fox, apprentice on the *Captial Times*, Madison, Wis., dropped in for a chat and to give a West Coast paper a lookover, at the same time requesting us to let his friends back in No. 106 know that the navy has done wonders for him, but for all that he's a bit homesick.

At hand is a copy of *National Auto Racing News*, published in Paterson, N. J., which carries the news that Apprentice Bob Garner, driving to the Vallejo races recently, was hit head-on by a machine on the wrong side of the road. Although his car was wrecked and a passenger injured, so far as Bob was concerned only his holiday cigar was ruined—he bit it in two and swallowed part in the excitement.

An ex-member of the *News* chapel, Mario Lenta, drove into town last week to greet old friends, including Clarence Bossler. Mario now is a member of Washington, D. C., union. He says printers are going great guns on the eastern seaboard, with subs at a premium.

Golf News—By Fred M. Leach

The first meeting of the newly-elected officers and board of directors will be held Monday night, September 22, at 7 o'clock. Meeting place will be 1770 Pine street, apartment 305. All board members should attend this meeting, as standing committees for the year will be appointed and important matters will be acted upon.

Does the secretary have your correct address? If you have moved during the past year, let him have your new address. Your tournament notices will then reach you promptly.

Off the Fairway (and I do mean "off"!)—The military gentleman you saw on Sansome street last week was our former president, now Private McDermott, on furlough from his unit. With his buttons, regimental insignia, boots and belt smartly polished, his head up, chin and waist in, and his rosy complexion, the lad was veritably "in the pink." "The army's all right," says "Mac," "but I do miss my old mill at the *Chronicle*."

No wonder the caddies at Sharp Park call it the Printers' Country Club, what with the classic every-Monday-battles between President Stright, Vice-President and Association Champion Cameron, the Forst boys, et al. . . . Saturday a roll call would have brought "Present" from member Di Grazia, who missed our annual and the preceding tournament because of illness. He was out absorbing sunshine and readying himself for the 28th when he will cop first place in his flight, sez he! . . . Vic and Luke Lansberry—Vic all smiles because he cut the first nine down to plenty low figures. . . . George and Larry Gallick putting divots in plates of ham and eggs in the cafe, and not replacing the divots either. . . . E. A. Murphy—Elvey is the name—out with a couple of wolves who weren't even in sheeps' clothing. . . . The ubiquitous "gimme" boys, Percy Crebassa and Len Sweet. . . . Emil Plumtree and Frank Smith rounding the dog leg at the 8th in fine style. . . . Someone who looked suspiciously like Ed Wynkoop (vas you dere, Eddie?). . . . Jess Conaway, now almost completely back in form after his nasty accident. Jess says: "I want my putter back." (Cy Stright and Dick Hughes take note.) . . . President Stright dashing around the clubhouse with a brace and bit. What could he have been doing? . . . Sunday saw Bob Smith and Jess Conaway, among others, getting in more licks.

It Shouldn't Happen to a Dog Department: Messrs. Watson, Teel and Pettitt are still licking their wounds after Sunday at Lake Chabot. Who dunnit? Ask Joe Chaudet! . . . Your correspondent isn't so happy, either. He tangled up with the "gimme" boys at both golf and pinochle. There'll be no meat on his menu until next week. Anyway, they say beans are nourishing.

Aside to L. L. Heagney and the boys at the *News*. Thanks, fellas, for them kind woids.

Don't forget the next tournament—Sharp Park—Sunday, September 28—Tee time 10:30—Green fees $1.25—Usual entry fee of 50 cents—The rest is up to you.

Woman's Auxiliary, No. 21—By Laura D. Moore

Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Pelletier, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Dorothea Heuring, arrived from Fresno last Friday and left Sunday. The visit was made definitely as a birthday surprise on Mrs. Heuring, whose birthday was September 13.

A. Sultan, California University student by day and *Chronicle* mailer by night, tripped on the steps and broke his leg a week ago. He is in a Berkeley hospital. His wife, Lucille Sultan, hopes to bring him home some time next week.

Mrs. Lucille M. Stone spent Tuesday at Brookdale in the Santa Cruz mountains.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lewis of Long Beach have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George L. Reynolds for ten days. Mr. Lewis was active in politics twenty-five years ago, being a former Lieutenant Governor of Colorado. Mr. and Mrs. Grant Nelson of Los Angeles arrived September 15 for a four-day visit with Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds. Mr. Nelson is a son of Mrs. Lewis. Mrs. Lewis is here partly on official business for the Order of Amoranth, of which she is a past royal matron. A recent visitor, also, to the Reynolds home was "Bill" Gilmore of Los Angeles. Bill's mother, Mrs. Ethel Gilmore, is secretary of the woman's auxiliary to the Typographical Union at Los Angeles for the third consecutive year. Claude Gilmore, Bill's father, is a well-known printer of southern California.

Miss Marion Callender, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Callender, was struck by an automobile August 29, while riding her bicycle on Mission street near Nineteenth. She was in the hospital for one week, since when she has been confined to her bed at home, suffering from cerebral concussion. Marion hopes to be able to return to school some time in October.

Mr. and Mrs. William Welding left by train September 5 for a two weeks' trip to West Point, Neb., where Mr. Welding's parents live. Mr. and Mrs. Welding plan to purchase a car at Omaha and drive home by way of the Grand Canyon. Mrs. Welding is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Donelin.

"Billy," 16-year-old son of Mrs. Marguerite MacLeod, secretary of Typographical Union No. 21, who was accidentally shot while target shooting on July 31, is able to be lifted into a wheel chair each day. His right foot has behaved well since the second week after the accident. Last week his left foot and leg gave him considerable trouble, and this week he can pull his left foot up. Billy is now feeling pretty cocky.

A PROPOSAL FROM LABOR

A news dispatch from Flagstaff last Tuesday stated that the Arizona State Federation of Labor declared its members are willing to work for the same pay as soldiers and sailors if industrialists, high public officials and army and navy officers will do likewise.

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Mailer Notes

By LEROY C. SMITH

The regular monthly meeting of San Francisco Mailers' Union No. 18 will be held at the Labor Temple next Sunday afternoon, September 21.

Mayor Rossi has nominated ex-President Harold I. Christie, secretary of the Allied Printing Trades Council, as a member of the Board of Education. Secretary Christie's activities over a period of more than twenty years in the trade union movement on the west coast, particularly in the printing trades, well qualifies him for the position on the school board.

A. Sultan, who has been taking a course of studies at the University Summer School in Berkeley, accidentally fell downstairs at the school dormitory last week, suffering a fractured leg. He is confined in Cowell hospital, Berkeley.

The September *Typographical Journal* is an especially interesting number. Besides the reports of the proceedings of the Vancouver convention, it contains proposed amendments to the constitution of the I.T.U., as well as some very important resolutions passed at the convention. Members should carefully read the same and make it a point to vote on propositions soon to be voted upon in a referendum.

No reports received of the proceedings of the M.T.D.U. convention, held the week previous to the meeting of the I.T.U. convention, except that they had a large forty-dollar sign, painted in large letters, swinging in the breezes at their hotel headquarters, announcing to all and sundry that the deliberations of the Mailers' Trade District Union of North America were being held there. That organization has held yearly conventions in the chosen convention city of the I.T.U. for many years. The results of the deliberations of their conventions have never yet set the printing trades world, nor the I.T.U., on fire, with any constructive legislation. On the contrary, their "field meets" have been more along the lines of "Pass the Biscuits, Pappy." Simply frothy, inane chatter, which costs their working members a good round sum of money yearly. It is reported the expenses of their Vancouver convention will make something like a three-thousand-dollar hole in their treasury. Significant, very likely, of coming events, the New York union, the largest in membership of M.T.D.U. unions, sent no delegates. Many smaller unions elected delegates who did not attend their conventions for the reason those unions voted no money to send them. Probably a gesture of their moral support—with them in spirit, if not in the flesh.

Factory Rate for Homeworkers

All homeworkers in the glove industry in New York State must be paid the same rates as factory workers as regulated by an order which went into effect on August 15, 1941. It was explained that all homeworkers who had certificates before April 1, 1941, may have special certificates but they may not work for more than one employer at one time.

This order is the result of an exhaustive study of the homework situation in the state. The facts revealed in this study, supplemented by various conferences with employers, homeworkers, union representatives, public officials and citizens, as well as three public hearings in New York City and Gloversville, showed the need for more regulation of homework. It was further explained that regulation of homework in the glove industry would undoubtedly benefit employers, homeworkers and the communities in which gloves are made.

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STRIKES VS. ACCIDENTS

Strikes and lockouts caused 6,500,000 man-days in idleness last year; at the same time disabling injuries caused the loss of 25,192,000 man-days. Within a year the rate of disabling injuries increased in the shipbuilding industry by nearly 22 per cent; in the aircraft industry by 22 per cent; and in the machine tool industry by 23 per cent. In these three vital defense industries the rise in disabling accidents was much greater than the increase in the number of hours worked.

Oakland Label Exhibition

The Union Label League of Alameda County is winding up its present Union Label Educational Exposition at 2343 Broadway, Oakland, with interesting activities, ending with the final stage show on Saturday of next week, September 27.

There will be an interesting stage show given by Patricia Reynolds and her group of "radio" performers tomorrow (Saturday), September 20, starting at 8 p. m.

On next Monday evening, delegates to the California State Federation of Labor convention will be special guests at a big floor show. The entire convention week will be "open house" at the Union Label Exposition, both afternoon and evening. Refreshments and a grand entertainment program have been planned for the delegates on Monday evening, the first day of the convention.

All affairs at the Union Label Exposition are free to the public and all members of organized labor and their friends are invited to attend. Evening performances begin at 8 p. m.

Just for the Women

By MARY MOORE,
Women's Editor, International Labor News Service

Don't say we didn't warn you! Designers have determined to get our waist line down around our hips again. "Molded torso" is all we read in the clothing advertisements these days. So if you haven't been exercising in order to keep tummy flat and hips smooth you better get right to work. One—Two—Three! Bend!

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If you intend taking sun baths right through September and retaining your sun tan, think twice before you buy your first black dress. Black is very unflattering to sun tanned complexions. However, a cinnamon brown outfit worn with a coppery red lipstick and matching nail enamel will bring out all the beauty of your sun tan.

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Suits are tops this coming season and certain of them give the girls a regimental appearance with their military belts, epaulets and gay brass buttons. R.A.F. blue is a gray blue similar to defense blue and both are as smart as they sound.

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One of our leading stylists says: "To be a slave of fashion is to defeat your own beauty ends. If you want your clothes to enhance your best features, adapt a fashion to yourself, instead of adapting yourself to the changing fashions."

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Chinese women are suffering from many new edicts in some parts of their native land. These new edicts bar unstockinged legs, permanent waves, lipstick, low-neck gowns and mixed bathing.

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Federation of Teachers No. 61

By GRACE YOUNG, Secretary

At our regular meeting next Monday, September 22, at 4 o'clock, we will have the report of the annual convention as seen by our proxy, Miss Gertrude Luehning of Palo Alto.

Last Monday, we received a copy of the "Report of the International Relations Committee" which had been accepted by the convention. The section devoted to the World Federation of Education Associations is of especial interest to all trade unionists and is given in full here:

"The American Federation of Teachers is one of the nation-wide organizations affiliated with the World Federation of Education Associations, which is at present the only world-wide organization of teacher organizations seeking to make and keep a contact with the free teachers of the world.

"Of particular note, is the conference held under the auspices of that organization in Havana, Cuba, last December. This was the first Pan-American Educational Conference held under the auspices of teacher organizations for the promotion of the common good. We trust it will serve as a basis upon which other conferences may be held.

"During this summer, there has been held in Guatemala an institute arranged by the educational authorities of Guatemala in co-operation with the World Federation of Educational Associations. A notice of this institute was sent to our locals through our national office. Reports received from the institute indicated the enthusiasm of the members who participated in it, and who through it gained a richer knowledge of Latin American culture.

"The World Federation of Education Associations will probably conduct such an institute again next summer in Guatemala. (At least we hope the Guatemalans will be kind enough to invite us again.) The organization has also been invited to arrange a similar institute in Buenos Aires.

"It is hoped that in addition to these two, two others may be arranged. Won't you please ask your locals to give attention to this subject, and, in turn, through our national office have your locals stay in touch with the World Federation of Education Associations with which we are affiliated?

"The committee on international relations believes that at this time we teachers must actively concern ourselves with world problems, more than ever before. We must keep ourselves informed continuously and accurately; we must share our information with our fellow citizens; we must then interpret this information in light of our best traditions and translate it into action, for the common good.

"We are determined that Hitlerism must be wiped off the face of the earth. We, as citizens of a free and democratic nation, pledge our all to save the democratic way of life. 'All out' aid to those who fight for our cause is axiomatic."

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S. F. Labor Council

The Labor Council meets every Friday at 8 p. m. at the Labor Temple, Sixteenth and Capp streets. Secretary's office and headquarters, Room 214. Labor Temple Headquarters phone MArket 6304. The Executive and Arbitration Committees meet every Monday at 7:30 p. m. The Union Label Section meets first and third Wednesdays at 8 p. m.

Synopsis of Meeting Held Friday Evening, September 12, 1941

Meeting called to order at 8:20 p. m. by Vice-President Haggerty.

Roll Call of Officers—All present except President Shelley, who was excused.

Reading of Minutes—Minutes of previous meeting approved as printed in the LABOR CLARION.

Credentials—Referred to the organizing committee.

Report of the Organizing Committee—(Meeting held Friday evening, September 12, 1941.) Meeting called to order at 7 o'clock by Secretary White. Members present were: Sister Tuoto, Brothers Cortesi, Bregante, White and Ballerini. Excused were: Brothers Rotell, Schurba, Piccini and Cruz. The following delegates were examined and, after giving proof of citizenship, were found to have the necessary labels: Apartment and Hotel Employees No. 14, Daniel Brown, Herman Negherbon, Austin Wilcox, Joseph P. Carver (renewal), Tom Conroy (renewal), Russell R. Dreyer (renewal), O. E. Smith (renewal), C. P. Soules (renewal), James Sturgeon (renewal); Production Machinists' Lodge 1327, Rose Meister, Kenneth Meister; Operating Engineers No. 64, David A. Richardson (renewal), Kevin A. Walsh (renewal); San Francisco Post Office Clerks No. 2, Peter Tissier, Tony Gaetani. Meeting adjourned at 8 p. m. Delegates obligated and seated.

Communications—Filed: From Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250, inclosing complimentary tickets for their seventh annual grand ball, to be held September 20 in Scottish Rite hall.

Donations: For the Howard Automobile Case Fund the following contributions were received: Bottlers No. 293, $25; United Garment Workers No. 131, $20; San Francisco and East Bay Ink and Roller Makers No. 5 (additional contribution), $2; Watchmakers No. 101, $2; Watchmakers No. 102, $2; Jewelers No. 36, $2; Waiters and Dairy Lunchmen No. 30, $20; Photo Engravers No. 8, $5; Retail Department Store Employees No. 1100, $20; Sanitary Truck Drivers and Helpers No. 350, $15; Street Carmen, Division 1004, $20; Retail Shoe and Textile Salesmen No. 410, $8. For the British Labor War Relief Fund the following contributions were received: Watchmakers No. 101, $5; Watchmakers No. 102, $10; Jewelers No. 36, $5.

Bills were read and ordered paid, after being approved by the trustees.

Referred to the Executive Committee: Optical Technicians and Workers No. 18791, asking that their union be permitted to appear before the executive committee on Monday evening. Grocery Clerks No. 648, requesting strike sanction against the following stores: Truway Grocery, 1401 Clement street; Pacific Heights Grocery, 2398 Webster street; Stanford Market, 2301 Webster street; Wholesale Liquor Drivers and Salesmen No. 109, asking that Haas Brothers be placed on the "We Don't Patronize" list. Leather and Novelty Workers No. 31, asking strike sanction against the Ganson Manufacturing Company. Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks No. 1089, applying for strike sanction against the retail liquor stores of this city.

Requests Complied With: Beauticians No. 12, asking that their delegate, Bee Odle Snyder, be excused from attending meeting of the Labor Council, as she is attending a convention and will not return until about October 10. Barbers No. 148, asking that the following delegates to the Council be excused, as they are attending the convention: James A. Cramp, I. D. Hester, Grover Duke, Joseph H. Honey and Ludwig Keller.

Resolution: A resolution was introduced by J. Vernon Burke, Web Pressmen No. 4; Thomas P. White, Warehousemen No. 860; Clarence Walsh, Bakery Drivers and Salesmen No. 484; McKay Hunt, Optical Technicians and Workers No. 18791; Clarence H. King, Musicians No. 6, and Larry Vail, Retail Department Store Employees No. 1100, reciting that our Government is involved in a tremendous national defense program, and resolving that we forward to the President our position relative to the world crisis and that this resolution be sent to the conventions of the American Federation of Labor, California State Federation of Labor and to all affiliated unions, with the recommendation that the same be adopted and sent to the President of the United States. (See resolution in full in another column of this paper.) Moved to adopt; carried.

Referred to the LABOR CLARION: Weekly News Letter from the California State Federation of Labor, dated September 16, 1941.

Report of the Executive Committee—(Meeting held Monday evening, September 8, 1941.) Called to order at 8 o'clock by Chairman Shelley. In the matter of Building Service Employees No. 87, asking a meeting of the responsible parties in order to adjust the matter of dismissal of their members employed to service the Bay Bridge Terminal; it develops that this is a jurisdictional dispute between the Carmens' union and Building Service Employees No. 87; your committee recommends that it be submitted to both international unions and the American Federation of Labor for their decision. In the matter of Grocery Clerks No. 648, requesting strike sanction against the General Food Store, 2185 Chestnut street; Red Tag Market, 1802 Polk street, and Droste's Delicatessen, 1755 Polk street, the secretary reported that conferences had been arranged between the union and the proprietors of these places of business; the matter will be held in committee awaiting the result of said conference. In the matter of Warehousemen No. 860 and their request for strike sanction against the Link Belt Company, a conference was held on Thursday morning, September 11, at 10 o'clock, and the matter was adjusted to the satisfaction of all parties concerned. In the matter of the same organization and their controversy with W. and J. Sloane Company, it was reported that both parties came to an understanding and have settled their differences. In the matter of Office Employees No. 21320 and their request for strike sanction against the Mohawk Oil Company, Mr. Adams was present representing the company, and Brothers Miller and White were present representing their respective unions; it was agreed that there would be a conference held on Wednesday, September 10, at 1 p. m. in the office of the company; the matter will be held in committee awaiting the result of the conference. Your committee considered Assembly Bill 1400, which has for its purpose the incorporation of unions that have sick and death benefits and that they will come under the supervision of the Insurance Commission of the State of California and will have to procure licenses and make reports to said Commission; the State Federation of Labor has this matter in hand and through their attorneys will take this matter to court, questioning the constitutionality of said law; the unions are advised to do nothing until we are advised by the California State Federation of Labor, and that this Council will co-operate in every particular with the State Federation of Labor against the bill. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p. m. The report of the committee as a whole was adopted.

Reports of Unions—Hospital and Institutional Workers No. 250—Are sponsoring a charter amendment to get an increase in wages at the coming election; the Southern Pacific hospital has recognized the union as the collective bargaining agency for its employees. Retail Cigar and Liquor Clerks—Have settled with employers for cigar clerks; will continue negotiations with liquor stores. Watchmakers—Have negotiated new agreement, gaining material benefits.

Receipts, $928; expenses, $1,582.29.

Meeting adjourned at 9 p. m.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN A. O'CONNELL, Secretary.

"We Don't Patronize" List

The concerns listed below are on the "We Don't Patronize" list of the San Francisco Labor Council. Members of labor unions and sympathizers are requested to cut this out and post it:

Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 119 Kearny.
A. Desenfant & Co., manufacturing jewelers, 150 Post.
American Distributing Company.
Austin Studio, 833 Market.
Avenue Hotel, 419 Golden Gate.
Becker Distributing Company.
B & G Sandwich Shops.
Beauty Shops at 133 Geary (except Isabelle Salon de Beaute).
Bruce, E. L. Company, Inc., flooring, 99 San Bruno Ave.
California Watch Case Company.
Chan Quong, photo engraver, 680 Clay.
Curtis Publishing Co., (Philadelphia), publishers of "Saturday Evening Post," "Ladies' Home Journal," "Country Gentleman."
Dial Radio Shop, 1955 Post.
Doran Hotels (include St. Regis, 85 Fourth St.; Mint, 141 Fifth St.; Hale, 939 Mission St.; Land, 936 Mission St.; Hillsdale, 51 Sixth St.; Grand Central, 1412 Market St., and the Ford Apartments, 957 Mission St.).
Drake Cleaners and Dyers.
Forderer Cornice Works, 269 Potrero.
Gantner & Mattern, 1453 Mission.
Golden State Bakers, 1840 Polk.
Gates Rubber Company, 2700 Sixteenth Street.
Goldstone Bros., manufacturers of overalls and workingmen's clothing.
Howard Automobile Company.
John Breuner Company.
L. C. Smith Typewriter Company, 545 Market.
Lucerne Apartments, 766 Sutter.
Magazines "Time" and "Life," products of the unfair Donnelley firm (Chicago).
M. R. C. Roller Bearing Company, 550 Polk.
National Beauty Salon, 207 Powell.
Navlett Seed Company, 423 Market.
O'Keefe-Merritt Stove Co. Products, Los Angeles.
Pacific Label Company, 1150 Folsom.
Purity Springs Water Company, 2050 Kearny.
Remington-Rand Inc., 509 Market.
Romaine Photo Studio, 220 Jones.
Royal Typewriter Company, 153 Kearny.
Sealey Mattress Company, 6699 San Pablo avenue, Oakland.
Sherwin-Williams Paint Company.
Speed-E Menu Service, 693 Mission.
Standard Oil Company.
Stanford University Hospital, Clay and Webster.
Sutro Baths and Skating Rink.
Swift & Co.
Underwood Typewriter Company, 531 Market.
W. & J. Sloane.
Woodstock Typewriter Company, 21 Second.
Wooldridge Tractor Equipment Company, Sunnyvale, California.
All non-union independent taxicabs.
Barber Shops that do not display the shop card of the Journeymen Barbers' Union are unfair.
Beauty Shops that do not display the shop card of the Hairdressers and Cosmetologists' Department of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America are unfair.
Cleaning establishments that do not display the shop card of Retail Cleaners' Union, Local No. 93, are unfair.
Locksmith shops which do not display the union shop card of Federated Locksmiths No. 1331 are unfair.

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Assess Penalties Against State Labor Law Violators

From the August report of the State Division of Labor Statistics and Law Enforcement, made to the Governor's Council by Labor Commissioner Carrasco, the following in relation to prosecutions during the preceding month is taken:

A "drive-in" proprietor found guilty of taking tips given to his "car hops" without posting a sign notifying the public of this practice, was fined $200, of which $125 was suspended. In setting sentence, the judge remarked that this practice "constitutes a fraud upon the public."

After sixty-two days in jail, a defendant who had sold worthless mine stocks and employed miners without first covering the payroll by a bank deposit was granted probation for three years on condition that he make restitution to the miners and investors whom he had mulcted.

The servant problem assumed serious proportions for one housewife who failed to pay her maid $63 in wages due her. The judge gave the housewife a sixty-day sentence with fifty days suspended on condition that the maid be paid the salary due.

A jail sentence of twenty days was served by a farm labor contractor found guilty of operating without a license. Upon his release from jail he was charged further with non-payment of wages totaling $118. The defendant pleaded guilty and was given a suspended sentence of twenty-five days in jail on condition that he pay the wage claims within ninety days.

A sentence of $50 fine or twenty-five days in jail was levied against a market owner who worked a 17-year-old boy over fifteen hours on each of two successive days and a total of fifty-five hours during the week. In another case, a fine of $50 was set for a man who worked a boy of 15 at 2:30 a. m. in violation of the law against working minors before 5 a. m.

Resolution

As referred to in the minutes of the San Francisco Labor Council, appearing in another column of this issue, the following resolution was adopted by that body at its meeting held last Friday evening:

Whereas, Our Government is involved in a tremendous national defense program which consists of aid to Great Britain, Russia and all forces fighting Hitlerism; and

Whereas, The issues involved in the present war were for the first time made completely clear when President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill surprised the world with their history-making meeting at sea, and announced an eight-point program, which briefly is:

1. No territorial aggrandizement.
2. No territorial changes against the will of the people concerned.
3. Restoration of the freedom and privileges of those people in countries forcibly deprived of them and the right of all people in all countries to democratically determine their own form of government.
4. A free world trade and a free world market, for vanquished nations as well as victor.
5. Collaboration between all nations in the economic field for improved labor standards and social security.
6. After the victory of the anti-Hitler forces, a hope that there will be established the means by which all nations may dwell in safety in their own countries and that all may be free from fear and want.
7. Freedom of the seas.
8. Abandonment of the use of force in all countries. Disarmament of nations who threaten the safety of the world, and to aid and encourage all practical methods in the direction of world disarmament.

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we forward to the President our position relative to the world crisis as follows:

1. That the San Francisco Labor Council does officially pledge its fullest support to the national defense program. We insist, however, that there shall be no abrogation of any of labor's legislative or economic gains. It should, therefore, be understood that we expect full protection of labor's rights and gains.

2. That we concur in President Roosevelt's policy of all possible aid to Great Britain and Russia and all other countries fighting Hitlerism, and

3. That we support the policy of a complete embargo on all war materials destined for Japan and urge all possible assistance to China; and be it still further

Resolved, That this resolution be sent to the conventions of the American Federation of Labor and California State Federation of Labor and to all affiliated unions, with the recommendation that the same be adopted and sent to the President of the United States.

Tobacco Clerks Get Increase

The tobacco store unit of Cigar and Liquor Clerks' Union No. 1089, representing 350 members, will receive a weekly wage increase of $3 beginning October 1 under an agreement with employers announced this week.

The contract, concluded through negotiations, will continue in force for two years. The forty-eight hour week and present working conditions remain unchanged.

Conferences for renewal of agreement with liquor store clerks, mainly on wage increases, are to be continued, Secretary George Johns states.

The union was represented in negotiations by Johns, President John Hill and Business Agent Sidney Keiles.

Supervisors Set Tax Rate

The Board of Supervisors last Monday adopted the $4.396 rate by a vote of 6 to 3, but deleted the emergency clause which would have enabled immediate sale of $3,500,000 tax anticipation notes to finance costs of city government pending receipt of first tax payments in December.

The board's action means that bids for purchase of the notes cannot be voted by the Supervisors until September 26. It probably will result, according to Deputy Controller Harry Ross, in a delay of "two or three days" in payment of checks to employees and cause serious interruption in the functions of various city departments.

On the roll call vote as an emergency (which required nine votes), the ordinance was rejected by a 7-2 vote, Supervisor Schmidt joining McSheehy in voting against the rate. McSheehy, Schmidt and Uhl voted against the ordinance with the emergency clause deleted from its provisions. Supervisors Meyer and Brown were absent.

The tax rate includes a 10-cent levy for the support of the employable unemployed who became the county's responsibility when the State Legislature failed to appropriate funds for the S.R.A. Last year's rate was $4.295.

According to the official bulletin from the Office for Emergency Management, the campaign to conserve waste paper, now in progress in eastern cities, will not be extended westward beyond Denver, as at present there is an ample supply on the Pacific Coast to feed all paper mills.

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Convention of Painters Sets Attendance Record

The presence of more than one thousand delegates at the recent two weeks' session, held at Columbus, of the International Brotherhood of Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators set an all-time attendance record for conventions of the organization.

The delegates were representing a total of 1500 locals, with more than 130,000 members in the United States and its territories and Canada. The last convention of the Brotherhood was held at Buffalo in 1937. The international's headquarters are located in Lafayette, Ind.

The Painters' Brotherhood, and organized labor as a whole, have co-operated to the end that the national defense program shall not be retarded, General President L. P. Lindelof said in his report. "Organized labor," he continued, "will not desist, but will continue this policy, asking in return only that none of the social or economic gains or achievements we have made be denied us and that our standards not be lowered during this present crisis or emergency through which we are passing."

N.Y.A. Funds for Needy Students

A total of $38,547 has been allotted to San Francisco secondary schools from N.Y.A. student work funds to finance part-time employment of needy students for the coming academic year, according to Robert Wayne Burns, State Youth Administrator.

This marks the seventh year San Francisco high school students have been helped to continue their education through the co-operative action of the schools and the National Youth Administration for California.

Work projects for needy students will be planned and operated by the schools, Burns reports. Students who want N.Y.A. work may file applications with their school officials, who will select N.Y.A. workers on the basis of need and scholarship. Students must be between the ages of 16 and 24 inclusive, and must be citizens or owe allegiance to the United States, according to Burns. They may earn from $3 to $6 a month. The allotment of funds has been made to both public and parochial schools, which are listed in the announcement.

WAGE INCREASE FOR LABORERS

An increase of 75 cents per day for scrap-iron workers was announced this week by the Northern California District Council of Laborers. The new minimum wage set by this industry-wide agreement is $6.25. Proportionate increases were announced for semi-skilled workers. The agreement brings about a 100 per cent increase in wages during the last four years. Joseph Levin represented the Scrap Iron Dealers' Association of San Francisco and Arthur J. Clark, business agent for Laborers' Local No. 965, and Claude McGovern represented the employees.

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Santa Rosa Anti-Picketing Ordinance

Arguments were to be heard last Tuesday night, September 16, by the Santa Rosa Council for and against a proposed anti-picketing ordinance, but because of the strong labor representation at the meeting and the dubiousness of the "City Fathers" in putting over such a raw ordinance, it was shelved and in its stead another bill was read toward the end of the evening which was nothing more than a poor disguise for Slave Bill 877. The new ordinance will be fought just as vigorously by the California State Federation of Labor.

The anti-picketing ordinance would have forbidden pickets the use of all advertising mediums, such as signs and banners, unless each individual picket filed an application giving his complete pedigree, accompanied by a passport photograph and stating the reasons why he wishes to carry a banner. If the City Council concurs, the picket would be given a license to picket for a period not to exceed ten days, but he would have to pay $5 per day for the privilege.

Although the City Council has been legally advised by the City Attorney and other legal authority that the ordinance would be clearly unconstitutional, it was reported that a strong effort was to have been made to put it into effect with the hope that it would take some time before efforts for relief from this vicious fascist measure could be obtained from the courts. In the meantime, the rule of the Supreme Court of the United States and California Supreme Court would be contemptuously disregarded and violated.

This latest outcropping of anti-labor legislation in the regions where the Associated Farmers, the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association and other anti-labor groups have strong influence is the direct result of the successful referendum campaign against Slave Bill 877. Further attempts in this drive to throttle the organized labor movement and deny it the right of free speech are expected by the Federation, which is keeping a watch throughout the State, and, in the words of Secretary Vandeleur, "they will not catch us asleep," is prepared to set back all attacks.

Another Compensation Case Won

Another workmen's compensation case was successfully concluded by the legal department of the California State Federation of Labor when the claim of Samuel Montero, a member of Laborers' Union No. 261, was finally compromised for $4000 over the vigorous opposition of the insurance carriers of the California Casualty Indemnity Exchange.

It was contended by the Federation's attorney that a head injury sustained by Montero aggravated a tubercular condition which had set in. The hearings were held at the California Sanitorium at Belmont and in San Francisco.

With the money he has received, Montero is purchasing a home, where he plans to raise squabs and chickens and try to regain his health.

Utility Company on Defensive

The effectiveness of the A.F.L. International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers' drive to organize the Pacific Gas and Electric Company was eloquently attested to by the five-cents-per-hour raise given to the 8000 employees earning less than $300 per month.

Hoping to forestall as much as possible the gains of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers No. 1245, the information was released to the press by representatives of the "company union," proving the collusion existing between it and the company.

This was followed up by a $1.14 daily increase in wages for the general construction workers, the majority of whom are members of I.B.E.W. No. 1245. This marks the first time that workers in this category are to receive more per day than those in the districts.

Another significant achievement was the abolition of the sliding scale which heretofore made it necessary for journeymen to work for three years as apprentices before they could get the journeymen's rates.

Charges of unfair labor practices preferred against the P. G. and E. by the union are still being investigated. The union has backed up these charges with ample evidence that has kept growing in volume and has been turned over to the National Labor Relations Board.

The above gains demonstrate the effectiveness of the A.F.L. Electrical Workers in their organization drive.

Members of all unions affiliated with the State Federation are asked to demand P. G. and E. personnel serving them to show their A.F.L. union identification. Care must be taken not to confuse "company union" buttons and other markings for the genuine A.F.L. credentials.

CALIFORNIA ATTRACTIONS

Orland will be the scene of the twenty-fifth annual Glenn County fair, September 16-20. Special events for the Del Norte County fair at Crescent City, September 17-21, will include three days of horse racing. Yolo County's annual fair will be held at the new fair grounds, half a mile south of Woodland, September 19-21. While all types of agricultural exhibits are planned, apples will be dominant during the annual Apple Show at Sebastopol, September 19-21. Three performances of a pageant, with a cast of 100, will be a feature of the county fair at Merced, September 24-28. Eureka will be the scene of the Ninth District Agricultural Fair, September 24 to 28. The San Mateo County fiesta, which opened yesterday will continue over Sunday.

"COW PALACE" STOCK SHOW

With employment of Harold F. DePue, nationally-known livestock showman, as manager, officials of No. 1-A District Agricultural Association are speeding preparations for the Grand National Livestock Exposition, which will dedicate San Francisco's $2,500,000 "Cow Palace" November 15-22. DePue, for the past 10 years was manager of the highly successful North Montana State Fair at Great Falls and has been characterized as the outstanding livestock show manager of the country. In a State the size of Montana, where citizens must traverse great distances to reach the show, he has been able to attract 50 per cent of the entire population during the period of the show, and on one day last year achieved a maximum attendance of 55,000—approximately 10 per cent of the State's population.

Of the 4500 men in San Quentin prison at the present time, it is stated that 1700 of the number are under twenty-four years of age.

East Coast Longshoremen To Ask Increase in Wages

Delegates to the Atlantic Coast District Council of the International Longshoremen's Association have decided to ask employers in Atlantic ports for a 25-cent hourly wage increase above the present scale of $1.10 and a 40-cent increase in overtime pay, now $1.65.

Existing agreements with shipping lines expire at the end of September and union representatives hope to negotiate a new agreement prior to the expiration date.

Another of the union objectives will be a shorter working week to spread labor more widely among the membership. The present working week is forty-four hours, and the union will ask for a forty-hour, five-day week.

Fifty thousand longshore workers and checkers in Atlantic Coast ports from Portland, Me., to Hampton Roads, Va., will be affected by the new agreement.

The Gulf Coast contract with steamship lines also expires on September 30, and a new one will be negotiated shortly. The Gulf union will attempt to eliminate a 10-cent differential now existing in Gulf ports as compared to the Atlantic.

Food Prices at New Highs

Retail food prices reached "the highest level in ten years" on August 12, the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics reported. It added that in the latter half of August "the rise continued."

Prices of basic foods increased an average of 1.2 per cent from July 15 to August 12, the Bureau said, and were 12 per cent higher than a year ago.

The Bureau's report attributed the increases to "many factors" but said "chief among them are increased employment with consequent greater consumer demand, large government purchases and some speculative buying."

Prices of bread and milk—two of the most important foods—advanced "quite generally" during the mid-July to mid-August period, and "substantial increases" were reported for eggs, oranges, navy beans, sugar, cheese and evaporated milk. Butter prices declined, but were 25 per cent higher than a year ago.

Percentage changes for various foodstuffs were listed as follows: Cereals and bakery products, 2.9 increase; meats, 2.3 increase; dairy products, 2 increase; eggs, 5.2 increase; fruits and vegetables, 3.4 increase; beverages, 2.4 increase; fats and oils, 2.7 increase; sugar, 1.1 increase.

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